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Re: Seatrade Groningen & SAHFOS's 50 Year partnership

Dear Mr Jansen,

I am writing to thank Seatrade Groningen for our valued partnership in ocean science discovery for over fifty years. In 1964, the first Seatrade Groningen ship sailed from Manzanillo to Portsmouth equipped with a SAHFOS Continuous Plankton Recorder (CPR).

Over many decades, through the CPR, SAHFOS has uniquely monitored the condition and behaviour of plankton and the health of our marine environment. In working with leading shipping companies such as Seatrade Groningen, SAHFOS has generated significant research to address the most pressing global issues e.g. pollution, climate change, biodiversity and over-fishing.

Now approaching our 85th anniversary, SAHFOS is launching *The Hardy Expedition* to expand upon the scope and impact of our vital work.

I would welcome the opportunity to brief you on SAHFOS's plans and to explore areas of common interest. I have asked Nicola Rickard (nicric@sahfos.ac.uk +44 (0) 1752 633296) to follow up with you regarding suitable meeting dates.

Thank you once again for our long and beneficial relationship and I look forward to collaborating further for our oceans' future and well-being.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Nicholas Owens
Director
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